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THE FOUNDER'S FESTIVAL

After the lapse of five years this greatest event of our session has been restored, and with even more than its former brightness and splendour, as the brilliant assembly of last Friday evening can testify. It was, without doubt, a success, owing to the indefatigable efforts of the Graduates' Society, to whom and the Committee of Management much praise is due for the truly able manner in which the proceedings were conducted. The evening was cloudy and threatened rain, but this darkness only increased the brilliancy of the display of Chinese lanterns on the trees, and the bright electric light which threw its rays far down the avenue. Arriving at the college, the gentlemen were ushered into class-room No. 1, which, for the occasion, had been transformed into a dressing-room, while the faculty-room was made to do duty in the same capacity for the ladies. The students' box-lobby had been partitioned off by a flag, bearing the totally irrelevant inscription, "Missions." We suppose that contributions had been levied from the various city Sunday-schools; but, however that may be, it certainly served its purpose satisfactorily.

Over the front door (on the inner side, of course), was "*Au revoir*," to the left of it "*Glück auf*," and to the right "Welcome." The walls all around were tastefully decorated with flowers and evergreens. The reading-room served as a small dining-room, and, being comparatively out of the way, was much frequented by students during the evening. The museum was found to be the resort of many young couples, who, finding it rather warm, generally made their way into the shell-room, there to enjoy the beauties of nature, and amuse themselves in other innocent ways. Proceeding to the Molson Hall, we found the library full to overflowing. At the upper end of it was a well-loaded table, while at the other end, where there is usually a door, was another refreshment booth shrouded in flags and evergreens, the effect of which was simply magnificent. In some of the alcoves were microscopes, for which we have to thank Dr. Osler; and many were the bevvies of young folks, and old too, there congregated. We cannot forbear again mentioning the decorations. On all the tables were vases full of beautiful flowers, which, we believe, the committee procured in Boston; upstairs the pillars were twined round with evergreens, and wreaths were hanging everywhere. The platform had been raised about two feet for the evening's performances. Speaking to one of the older graduates, he gave it as his opinion that this was one of the most successful gatherings of the kind he had ever witnessed; and we can only hope that next year it will be equally, if not more successful. After our reception we passed into the hall, in which were assembled the cream of Montreal society. Here, there and everywhere, swept the gowns of our classmates, intermingled with brilliant hoods and elegant *toilettes*. In conversation, *en promenade*, listening to the music, hurrying to meet a partner, grouped and separate, all felt at every moment that the evening was a thoroughly enjoyable one.

The evening's proceedings opened with the customary oration from the President of the Graduates Society, Mr.

R. A. Ramsay, B.A., B.C.L. The speaker gave a short account of the life of James McGill; the progress of the University and its present *status*. He traced its history through the early legal and later financial troubles, ending in a few remarks about the Graduates Society, and the extension of a hearty welcome to its guests, there present.

The programme was quite varied. The members of the Glee Club show evidences of careful training, their time, phrasing and expression in the various glees allotted to them being remarkably good. The club possesses some fine bass voices; and in the quartette, "*Integer Vitae*," we think we discovered the germ of what, with cultivation, will prove a sweet, though not powerful, tenor. We hope, as the season advances, and each one becomes more accustomed to his work, to find a general improvement in quality of tone. But where all candidates are accepted, and none refused, only time and diligent practice can accomplish this.

We think we have scarcely heard a better amateur flautist than Mr. Quinones; he fingers his florid passages with extreme brilliancy and precision, and though at times just a trifle flat, he plays his adagios as though his instrument were a violin. Strangely enough most of the audience did not seem to pay the least attention to his performance, a slight which, though unmeant, could hardly fail to sting the sensitive part of his nature. We hope we may hear him again—and also that beautiful carol, "*Good King Wenceslas*," at the Club Concert, which, we understand, is to take place about February next.

As regards the lady soloist of the evening, without being harsh, we regret to say that we are extremely disappointed; and it is with a sigh we wonder when the "music loving" (*sic*) population of Montreal will become a discriminating one. Madame Vincent possesses a magnificent organ, but when she shall have placed herself under a severe course of instruction, and learnt that there are such simple things necessary to a vocalist as time, tune and execution, we shall be happy to hear her again. By a total disregard of her score and her accompanist (whom, though amateur, we believe to be a conscientious musician), and a miraculous conversion of crotchets and the *genus* quaver into semibreves, Madame Vincent succeeded in proving to us the quality of her voice, but not that it was Donizetti's charming *cavatina* she was singing. Her rendering went better in the two ballads, but even thereby hangs a drawback. Madame Vincent, before she can be heard with pleasure, must practice enunciation, and learn not to turn open Italian vowels into deeper gutturals than even the German language can produce.

"*Dame Durden*," the Glee Club's last *morceau*, proved a decided success, encored as it was, over and over again, by the whole assembly. We would not forget to sound a note of commendation and thanks for the pleasant promenade music furnished by Herr Gruenwald's orchestra.

Not the least agreeable little episode was the reception of a large and beautiful bouquet during the performance of "*Wenceslas*." Mr. Houghton analyzed it, and presented to each of the club members an elegant bud, without, by any means, exhausting its store of fragrance and color.

During the intervals, the stream of pleasure frequently eddied off into the library, museum or reading room, filling

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the corners of those sober old places with echoes of silken rustle and gay chat. Spirits of Ichthyosauri! Manes of osseous Mammoths! seldom has your long sleep been broken by so pleasant an interruption. Did it not make you envy for once these later beings? Did you not regret your Cenozoic existence? We are sure you would gladly have resigned the dignity of ages for a single hour of human life. And you, O great, grave authors! did you not stir on your shelves? Was Herodotus taking notes for a Tenth Book? Was Tacitus comparing the elder Teutons with their white-choked descendants? Was Macaulay re-loading his inexhaustible memory? We can fancy the grim chuckles of all three as they jotted down the manners and customs of the (soon-to-be) ancient Canadians.

Pardon our reverie. We return to consciousness, just in time to hear another glee, take a final promenade, and depart to the already crowding cloak-rooms, before the real crush is upon us. Good-bye, Honorable James! Farewell, William! We sincerely wish you many happy returns of the day.

UNIVERSITY LITERARY SOCIETY.

The adjourned annual meeting of the above Society came off on the evening of Thursday, November 9th. Some few weeks previous to this a few members had brought forward a motion of dissolution; it was to have been again proposed at the annual meeting, but the feeling against it was so strong that nothing was said about it. The best method of working the Society was discussed. The meetings are henceforward to be held only semi-monthly, two out of every three evenings to be devoted to the regular debate, and the third to be simply an informal and somewhat social meeting to discuss any literary topic. The retiring President, Mr. D. MacMaster, B.C.L., made a few appropriate remarks on the occasion, and we can only say that the Society ought to be deeply indebted to this gentleman for the noble way in which he has upheld it, steadily persevering against many and great difficulties. The officers for '76-77 are:—President, Mr. F. J. Keller, B.C.L.; 1st Vice-President, Mr. C. L. De Salaberry; 2nd Vice-President, Mr. R. D. McGibbon; Corresponding Secretary, Mr. A. McGowan, B.A.; Recording Secretary, Mr. F. D. Monk; Treasurer, Mr. H. H. Lyman, B.A.; Councillors, Messrs. D. MacMaster, B.C.L., M. Hutchinson, B.C.L., R. Huntington, B.A., H. T. Duffy, B.A., R. Robertson and J. Ross. We wish to urge the claims of this Society upon the students, knowing, from our own experience, how much good can be derived from it; and as the meetings are to be fortnightly, we are sure that everyone can easily attend without any inconvenience to himself.

BASE BALL MATCH.

The match between the Saints and Sinners came off on the morning of Saturday, October 28th, and was won by the latter. The score was as follows (only five innings being played):

Medicals	-	-	8	3	5	7	5	=	28
Theologs.	-	-	4	3	1	1	4	=	13

On the side of the Theologs, Baillie, Boudreau and Cruchet played well; and Scott, Kidd, Rutherford and J. Church, of the Medicals. Mr. Gibson acted as umpire, and Messrs. Klock and Baynes, as scorers, respectively for the Sinners and Saints.

HAVING started with the intention of making the GAZETTE subservient, as far as possible, to College interests, to carry out this plan, we have thought proper to issue an extra, reporting the numerous events of importance that have occurred within the last two weeks. To report these in our December number would be preposterous, and would, besides, crowd out a quantity of other and more interesting reading matter. Learning by the experience of our predecessors, we have made our paper this year a monthly, and we hope that this sheet will be but a foretaste of better things, as we intend publishing one or two full semi monthly numbers after Christmas; to enable us to do which, we look for the hearty support of the students.

As will be seen, there is a blank in our Editorial Staff, owing to Mr. Henwood's bereavement, which has compelled him to resign this position. We are sure all the students who were acquainted with Mr. Henwood will, with us, extend him their sympathy. We hope, however, to see him back again next year, and we can assure him a hearty welcome.

ERRATA.—Some of the seemingly unavoidable typographical errors in our last issue were so ludicrous (not to say nonsensical) that we feel compelled to make the necessary corrections:—For "professional" (in the third editorial), read "professorial." In the account of the sports, for "yards" (kicking the football), read "feet;" for "35 $\frac{1}{4}$ " seconds (mile race), read "53 $\frac{1}{4}$;" and for "15" seconds (quarter mile), read "2" seconds.

A DOCTOR being called to see a lady patient the other day, told her she needed rest. "But, Doctor," said she, "look at my tongue." "Oh! that needs rest too," he replied.

"I AM afraid you'll come to want," said an old lady to a young gentleman. "I have come to want already," was the reply; "I want your daughter." The old lady opened her eyes.

CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editors of McGill Gazette.

GENTLEMEN,—We have every reason to congratulate ourselves on the great success of our athletic sports. They would, as Dr. Dawson justly remarked, throw credit on any University. But I think it would sound better in the ears of your readers if the error made in your last issue as regards the time of the championship race were corrected in your next. We all left the grounds with feelings of enjoyment and pleasure, unalloyed by but one unpleasant thought, and that was the injustice done to H. O'Heir in debarring him from the prize which he so fairly won. If he were ineligible to compete for any of the prizes, was it not the duty of the committee to find this out before he entered his name? Was it fair to allow him to compete, and then withhold from him the prize? I have been informed through your columns that the *Gazette* is intended to be a means of righting any grievance that may arise, and under this conviction I have been bold enough to express what I believe to be the general opinion of the students, hoping that every reader, concerned or unconcerned, will take it only in the light intended by the writer,

AN UNDERGRADUATE.

[In reference to the above, we may state that, not being fully conversant with the reasons that led the management to exclude Mr. O'Heir, we shall leave it to any of the committee to explain through our columns, which we have no doubt they will be able to do to the satisfaction of all. We had already intended correcting the mistakes in our account of the sports. —[Eds. McG. G.]

THE FOOT-BALL MATCHES.

On the 28th of October, 'Canada' and 'Harvard' faced each other on the foot ball field for the second time. The match was expected to be well contested, and although the Canadian team was not so strong as it might have been, (owing to Hamilton's failure in sending its quota) yet it was thought to be more than a match for Harvard: which turned out to be a miserable delusion. The ball was kicked off at three o'clock, and in a few minutes came down to the Canadian goals, where it remained during almost the whole first half of the game. The Harvard men were well captained, knew their positions and always played together; ours went half-a-dozen strong into the scrimmages to shove against one opponent; followed up the ball leisurely, and captained themselves.

Still though overmatched as a team, their individual play was very good; Perram worked like a hero, and was well backed by Molson, Scriver and one of the London men. Their efforts were, nevertheless, in vain; about fifteen minutes after play began, Seamans sent the ball flying through goals like a rocket. During the remainder of the first three-quarters of an hour, 'Harvard' had altogether the best of it, taking another goal (kicked by Whiting) and a touch down, besides *rouges*.

The last half time the Canadians seemed to be better acquainted with each other, and played a far stronger game. The tackling was sharp, and did not afford much scope for good runs, but Perram for Canada, and Herrick for the visitors, made some spirited dashes, and were heartily cheered by the numerous spectators. During the rest of the day, 'Canada'

tried in vain to retrieve her fallen fortunes, but when her men left the field, it was with the consciousness of having been well beaten.

The victors were entertained the same evening at the Carlton, but the gathering broke up somewhat early, as the 'Harvards' were engaged to play 'McGill' on Monday, and some of the Ontario men had to return at once.

It is a much pleasanter duty to record the 'McGill' vs. 'Harvard' match of the following Monday. Those who knew that the McGill Club had but thirty five members (half of them Freshmen), that there had been little or no practice during the previous fortnight, and that only three of its men had been placed on the 'All Canada' team, were loud in deprecating the folly of playing one which had so lately beaten the fifteen best (?) players of Canada. Our men were themselves somewhat nervous over the prospect, wondering how many goals 'Harvard' would take, and whether they might not get disgusted before the match was over, and leave without playing it out.

Before the ball was placed, a race came off between Messrs. Herrick of Cambridge, and Summerhayes of Montreal. Herrick had a two yards start, but did not seem to need it, for in the first heat he came in more than that distance ahead of his opponent. In the second, Summerhayes made an excellent start, and at about half-way to the winning post, they were running even, when suddenly Herrick fell out, and it was found that he had badly injured his leg; the race was thus left to Summerhayes, who ran the last heat alone. This unfortunate accident debarred Herrick from playing in the match, and Mr. Russell, accordingly, took his place.

At a quarter-past eleven play began, and to the surprise of most on the ground, the ball did not seem to have any particular liking for the McGill goals. The play grew warm about the middle of the field, and the fine tackling of our players, which had been noticed in the 'Town and Gown' match, was even better here; a man could hardly touch the ball but half-a-dozen were on him at once. All the McGill men forward played most pluckily, McGibbon, J. F. Scriver and Foster, deserving special notice; among the backs, Rogers, Nelson and Taylor, played very well. About ten minutes after the ball had been kicked off, a *foul* throw from touch gave the Harvards a chance and they rushed it down the field; Nelson touched it down behind goals, but the 'Harvards' claimed it. The matter was referred to the umpires, who decided in favor of 'McGill'; the ball was then run out and sent well up the field, and both sides were soon hard at work again, when an untoward event happened which threatened to put an end to the match. Whiting, the 'Harvard' captain, a very heavy man, got hold of the ball, and after passing two or three of his opponents, was tackled by A. D. Taylor; he slipped at the same moment and fell heavily, breaking the *fibula* about an inch above the ankle. Dr. Campbell, who happened to be on the grounds, did all that was possible for him under the circumstances. This checked the play for a while, but it was decided to proceed with the game, 'McGill' offering to put off one of her men, but 'Harvard' would not hear of it, and lost nothing by her generosity. During the remainder of the first half-time no advantage was gained by either side, and time was called leaving 'McGill' *ahead*, with three *rouges* against two for 'Harvard'; in the same time, the proceeding Saturday, 'All Canada' had lost two games, one touch and several *rouges*.

Play again commenced, no longer finding the 'McGill' men "shaking in their shoes" but elated with the successful stand they had made, and resolved to do their best to secure at least a draw; they could hope to do little more, as it had been arranged by the captains before the match, that the decision would depend only on the number of goals taken. For some

time the game was even, but a spirited effort by 'Harvard' drove our men up the field; then commenced a favorite dodge among the visitors, viz., picking up the ball, and passing it back among themselves until one of them had a chance for a drop at goals. This was only too successful; Seamans caught it, and in another moment sent it sailing through the air thirty feet above our bar; thus a game was scored for 'Harvard,' the only decisive advantage secured by either side during the whole match. Never mind!—

"What though the field be lost,
 "All is not lost: the unconquerable will
 * * * * *
 "And courage never to submit or yield,
 "And what is else not to be overcome."

Next year we hope to send a team to Cambridge, and if it trains faithfully and we manage to get more of our students interested in foot-ball, we may be able to make 'Harvard' work harder for victory than she has done for years past. Such a defeat as we have just sustained is an earnest of future success. Before this match our Bostonian foes had beaten us twice, by two goals each time; 'Montreal' once, by two goals; 'All-Canada,' first by one goal, then by two. The game we have just played is a curious instance of what discipline and mutual reliance will accomplish, contrasted with the efforts of a mere aggregation of good players. For 'McGill,' besides the men above-named, L. Campbell played well, and Robertson, as captain, did his duty thoroughly in spite of grumblings from players discontented with their positions.

After the game, both teams and a good many of their friends met at the Carlton for lunch, in accordance with an invitation of the McGill Club. As it was two o'clock before they sat down and many of the strangers left by the three o'clock train, there did not appear to be much time for enjoyment. However seven or eight of the 'Harvards' decided to stop over till Tuesday; and those of ourselves who had gone to see the others off, soon returned. Unfortunately the heat of the morning's sun had somewhat effected our sporting editor, and although he has dim memories of various toasts, he finds it impossible to commit his reminiscences to paper in an intelligible form. Our general manager also attended, but got into a very interesting political discussion with a gentleman from Harvard, and took no notice of surrounding events, particularly as the lunch was very quiet.

UNIVERSITY LECTURE.

This, our Annual Lecture, was delivered on Thursday last, November 9th, by Dr. Dawson. The subject, a truly prolific one, viz., "Student Life in Canada," was well handled, and showed evidence of much thought and careful preparation. Although the lecture can hardly be said to have partaken of a University character, inasmuch as it referred mainly to Arts students, yet we feel sure that our numerous Medical friends who attended must have derived much benefit from it, the principles discussed being of a very widely extended nature. Our limited space prevents us giving an extended report.

It is reported that Cook, the medical janitor, had a strange and mysterious dream the other night. He dreamt of a fast-flowing stream, adown which were floating innumerable subjects, so thick and fast that he could scarcely haul them in. Prices were ranging from 5 to 25 cts. per extremity. But, alas! he awoke and found it was a dream.

MEDICAL FOOTING SUPPER.

The evening of Friday, October 27th, was the time appointed for the annual footing dinner of the "Sinners" (as the medical students are termed by our facetious brothers, the students in Arts, in contradistinction to the students of Theology, whom they denominate "Saints"), and the manner in which they responded to the invitations of the committee premised that the dinner would be a success (as it was) so far as numbers were concerned.

The menu well sustained the wide-spread reputation of Host Martin; and at nine o'clock the chair was taken and ably filled by A. C. Fraser, '77. After the various viands had been discussed, and cigars comfortably lighted, the toasts of the evening commenced.

The first was, of course, "The Queen," followed by the National Anthem, heartily sung by all. The next was "Alma Mater," as a response to which the Chairman sang the well-known song of that name.

The toast of "Dean and Professors" met with the enthusiasm that it always elicits, showing the high esteem in which they are held by the undergraduates, who, at the same time, regret that they cannot be induced to participate in this annual festivity.

Succeeding this came "The Montreal General Hospital," and Dr. Cameron, on rising to respond, was received with three times three. He spoke of the Hospital as being "open to all creeds and stations, and that all received the same attention and care; that all the officers of the Hospital were ever ready, willing, and only too happy to assist the students in the prosecution of their arduous duties."

"Our Sister Universities" was ably handled in a purely original manner by a strong advocate of the temperance cause from Mewburnville, and in which he was seconded by the pride of the Sophomores, who said that he here felt it incumbent upon him to remark "that any man who did not attend the footing dinner was unfit to go forth into the battle of life."

The toast of "Sister Faculties" was responded to by one who, no doubt, from his flow of eloquence, will be a bright meteor in the legal firmament.

"The Ladies" found a noble champion in Mr. Lane, and we feel sure that if he manifests the same zeal in his future career with which he espoused the toast entrusted to his care, he need have no apprehension as to his success in the wide field of labor.

"Our Next Merry Meeting" brought to his feet Mr. McEvenue, who with a few well-chosen remarks depicted the pleasures to be anticipated at the next merry meeting, and said that during his collegiate career he would always strive to see maintained the old and time-honoured footing dinner.

We cannot close without thanking the gentlemen of the city press, Messrs. King and Mills, for contributing so much to the success of the evening's mirth, and would also hint to the Glee Club that, judging from Messrs. Brown andutherland's duett, these gentlemen should be offered large inducements to join that select few.

Mr. Quinones deserves the hearty thanks of all for the flute solo he so kindly favored the company with; it is needless to say that he was heartily applauded and encored. The meeting broke up at a late hour, all being highly pleased with the success of the evening's entertainment.

EXCHANGES.

Harvard Advocate, Cornell Review, Cornell Era, Tufts Collegian, Central Collegian, Dartmouth, Queen's College Journal, Omaha High School, Ontario Journal of Education, Harvard Lampoon.